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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1703

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1379

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, VN, SW

SUBJECT: GVN INFO REP AND STOCKHOLM VIETNAM CONFERENCE

REF: STOCKHOLM 1286; SAIGON 3915

1. EMBOFF MET WITH HEAD OF GVN STOCKHOLM INFO OFFICE
TRAN NHA MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON
VIETNAM. LATER IN SAME DAY TWO EMBOFFS MET WITH TRAN
NHA AND TRAN NGOC QUY, DEPUTY HEAD OF GVN PARIS INFO
OFFICE, WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM. TWO OF
QUY'S ASSOCIATES FROM PARIS HAD BEEN REFUSED VISAS
BY GOS.

2. TRAN NHA SAID HE WAS PUSHING FORWARD WITH PLANS TO
COUNTER STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE (SEE STOCKHOLM REFTEL FOR
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DETAILS). BOTH EMBOFFS STRONGLY ADVISED NHA AND QUY TO

CHANGE PLANS FOR DISRUPTIVE COUNTERDEMONSTRATION AT SITE OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE, CITING INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SAIGON REFTEL. NHA QUY SAID THEY HAD OPPOSITE INSTRUCTIONS FROM GVN MINISTER OF INFORMATION. QUY COMMENTED THAT OBJECT OF COUNTERDEMONSTRATION WAS TO IMPRESS PRG AND HANOI REPS AND HE FRANKLY DID NOT CARE MUCH ABOUT LOCAL OR EVEN EUROPEAN IMAGE. EMBOFFS STRESSED THAT GVN IDENTIFICATION WITH LOCAL WELL-KNOWN PROTO-FASCISTS COULD ONLY AID PRG AND HANOI, AND THAT DISRUPTION WOULD ONLY CREATE PUBLICITY FOR OTHER SIDE. ALTHOUGH NHA/QUY SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER ADVICE, BOTH EMBOFFS BELIEVED THEY WOULD NOT CALL OFF COUNTERDEMONSTRATION.

3. EMBOFFS TRIED PERSUADE NHA/QUY TO TAKE COOL ATTITUDE AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND RECOMMENDED THEY ATTEMPT PERSUADE REPORTERS OF TRUTH OF THEIR SIDE RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN VITUPERATION. SOBER RECITATION OF FACTS, E.G. ON "POLITICAL PRISONERS" MORE LIKELY TO IMPRESS LATENT FAIRNESS TENDENCIES IN AT LEAST SOME REPORTERS.

COMMENT: DISCUSSION DISCLOSED THAT TRAN NHA HAS EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIS GOVERNMENT VIA PARIS AND APPEARS TO HAVE NO NEED TO RELY ON USG COMMUNICATIONS. OLSEN

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